ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Clauses (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 4

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Explanations

1. "When will you be here?" she asked.

She asked me when _____ there.
✔ **A) I would be**
A reported question uses normal word order (subject + verb), and **will** becomes **would**. **You** becomes **I**: **She asked me when I would be there.** Not **would I be**, because that is question word order.

2. He said, "I will watch TV".

He said _____.
✔ **D) he would watch TV**
I becomes **he**, because we are talking about him, and **will** becomes **would**: **He said he would watch TV.**

3. "Do you need a pen?"

Anne asked me _____ a pen.
✔ **C) if I needed**
For a yes/no question, use **if** + subject + verb, and change the tense back: **need** becomes **needed**. **You** becomes **I**: **Anne asked me if I needed a pen.** Not **did I need**, because that is question word order.

4. "I may be late."

Mike told me _____ late.
✔ **A) he might be**
In reported speech, **may** usually becomes **might**, and **I** becomes **he**: **Mike told me he might be late.** Not **might he be**, because that is question word order.

5. "What are you talking about?"

Dick asked me what _____.
✔ **B) I was talking about**
A reported question uses normal word order. **Are** becomes **was**, and **you** becomes **I**: **Dick asked me what I was talking about.** Not **was he talking about**, because that is question word order.

6. "Can you come to the party?"

David asked me _____ to the party.
✔ **C) if I could come**
For a yes/no question, use **if** + subject + verb. **Can** becomes **could**, and **you** becomes **I**: **David asked me if I could come to the party.** Not **could he come**, because that is question word order.

7. "I have to study."

Barbara said _____.
✔ **A) she had to study**
This is a statement, not a question, so we don't use **if**, and we use normal word order. **Have to** becomes **had to**, and **I** becomes **she**: **Barbara said she had to study.**

8. I don't know if I _____ succeed in passing my exam or not.
✔ **A) will**
I don't know is in the present, and the exam is in the future, so we use **will**: **I don't know if I will succeed.** Not **will be**, because **will be succeed** is wrong.

9. "Have you seen my grammar book?"

Nancy wanted to know _____ grammar book.
✔ **B) if I'd seen her**
Use **if** + subject + verb. **Have you seen** becomes **I'd (I had) seen**, and **my** becomes **her**, because it is Nancy's book: **Nancy wanted to know if I'd seen her grammar book.**

10. He explained why _____.
✔ **D) he was late**
After **explained why**, use normal word order (subject + verb): **He explained why he was late.** Not **was he late**, because that is question word order.

11. My friend said, "I can't believe it."

He said _____ it.
✔ **C) he couldn't believe**
Can't becomes **couldn't**, and **I** becomes **he**: **He said he couldn't believe it.** Not **couldn't he believe**, because that is question word order.

12. The nurse doesn't understand why the girl _____.
✔ **A) is coughing**
Doesn't understand is in the present, and the coughing is happening now, so we use the present continuous: **why the girl is coughing**. Not **coughing**, because it needs **is**.

13. I didn't know if he _____ there.
✔ **C) would be**
I didn't know is in the past, so **will** becomes **would**: **I didn't know if he would be there.**

14. Peter asked his brother _____.
✔ **D) where the hammer was**
A reported question uses normal word order (subject + verb): **Peter asked his brother where the hammer was.** Not **where was the hammer**, because that is question word order.

15. Father said that _____.
✓ **B) he was at his office**
After **said that**, change **I'm** to **he was** and **my** to **his**: **Father said that he was at his office.** We don't use quotation marks after **that**.

16. I heard that you _____ at the basketball match.
✓ **B) were**
The match is in the past, so we use the past form of **be**: **you were at the basketball match. Been** and **gone** need **have**.

17. George said that _____ to Tom.
✓ **A) he'd spoken**
In reported speech, **have spoken** becomes **had spoken**, and we use **he** for George: **George said that he'd (he had) spoken to Tom.** Not **he spoken**, because **spoken** needs **had** or **has**.

18. They promised that they _____ Mike next year.
✓ **B) would visit**
Promised is in the past, so **will** becomes **would**: **They promised that they would visit Mike next year.** Not **visited**, because the visit is in the future.

19. She was sorry that _____.
✓ **A) she was late**
Was sorry is in the past, so we use the past after **that**, with normal word order: **She was sorry that she was late.**

20. "May I use your telephone?"

He asked me if _____.
✓ **C) he might use my telephone**
May becomes **might**, **I** becomes **he**, and **your** becomes **my**: **He asked me if he might use my telephone.** Not **his telephone**, because it is my telephone.

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